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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-40 will be pending in the case.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected based on US Patent No. 5,940,040 to DeLorme. Upon further review of DeLorme, it was noted that DeLorme does teach in column 18 lines 65-66 that one of the techniques of entering the "where" information might be "via mouse commands on a map display". The Patent Office's interpretation that this anticipates or renders obvious the claims has been obviated by the amendment of claim 1.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the graphical interface includes a hyperlinked image, and that first or second links on the hyperlinked image are selected. Admittedly, DeLorme teaches that "where" can be selected "via mouse commands on a map display". However, DeLorme never teaches or suggests a hyperlinked image and selecting links on the hyperlinked image, as now claimed.

DeLorme shows a computer based system, and shows that a spot on a map is selected and used as for example start or finish. There is no teaching or suggestion, however, that any of the spots are hyperlinked images as claimed. Therefore, claim 1 is respectfully suggested to distinguish over the teaching of DeLorme.

Claim 2 has been amended into independent form, and specifies that either the starting area or the ending area is changed in size to form a changed in size area. The rejection states that DeLorme teaches zooming. However, whether DeLorme teaches zooming or not, certainly DeLorme does not change the travel information that is

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received from the server based on that zooming. The claims require changing the travel information based on the changed in size area. DeLorme's zooming allows changing the amount of information that is shown on the screen, but nothing else. Therefore, even if DeLorme could change the view that was seen by zooming, he would not change the travel information based on this zooming.

Moreover, DeLorme never teaches or suggests that the travel information that is received from the server includes options for different locations within the changed-in-size area, as claimed. Therefore, claim 2 should be allowable along with the claims which depend therefrom.

A number of new claims are added. Claim 6 specifies that the computer displays a screen tip based on the proximity to the hyperlinked image. As discussed above, DeLorme teaches nothing about a hyperlinked image, and even more clearly teaches nothing about such a screen tip. Claim 7 includes even further information that the screen tip includes further information about an area of the proximity.

Claim 8 specifies a different feature in which information about the selected trip is displayed including information about an amount of deviation as compared with an optimum route. For example, airlines may offer less expensive fares which are only available if the user connects through some remote city. This may be a significant detour. This system as defined by claim 8 displays an amount of deviation as compared with the optimum. Nothing about this is taught or suggested by DeLorme. DeLorme never teaches or suggests this.

Claim 12 is similar to that discussed above with respect to claim 2. Specifically, claim 12 specifies not only a hyperlinked image, but also that the system is variable to

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change a number of the airports which are included within the area of beginning and end points. This is not in any way taught or suggested by DeLorme, and should be even further allowable thereover.


The remaining claims 12-40 define additional and further features based on the disclosure. Each of these claims should be allowable for reasons stated above and/or on their own merits. Specifically, each of these claims teach elements which are not taught or suggested by the cited prior art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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